

SALINE LOCK

INDICATIONS:

Need for intravenous access in an adult or pediatric patient when it may be necessary to administer medications but volume replacement is not anticipated.

EQUIPMENT:

- Intravenous catheter.
- Saline lock.
- Sterile saline for injection.
- 21-18 ga needle, syringe.
- Alcohol wipes.

PROCEDURE

- Select IV site:
 - May use hands or arms – saline lock not indicated for use with an external jugular IV.
- Flush saline lock with sterile normal saline.
- Establish IV access.
- Attach saline lock to IV catheter.
- Secure IV site and saline lock.
- Flush catheter with 2 ml normal saline.